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## RCE RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed November 03, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A Notice of Appeal was mailed February 06, 2004; and a response was initially due April 06, 2004. Applicants herein submit a petition for a four month extension of time to August 06, 2004, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

This response is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Thus, the finality of the outstanding final office action will be withdrawn and Applicants are entitled to have this first submission for this RCE entered and considered on the merits.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Fee Transmittal, Petition for Extension of Time, facsimile cover sheet;
- Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

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